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SUBJECT: GOES ISSUES STATEMENT ON PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT FROM
ISRAEL

REF: SAN SALVADOR 3610 (NOTAL)

1. BOTH LOCAL MORNING NEWSPAPERS CARRIED SUBSTANCE OF AP
STORY CONCERNING GOES PURCHASE OF ISRAELI AIRCRAFT (REFTEL)
AS WELL AS FOLLOWING STATEMENT ISSUED BY MINISTER OF
DEFENSE COL ROMERO LATE SEPTEMBER 21.

2. "IT IS THE DUTY OF THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE (SALVADORAN)
ARMED FORCES TO EQUIP, MAINTAIN AND REPLACE THE MATERIAL OF
THE ARMED FORCES IN KEEPING WITH ADVANCES OF THE TIMES; FOR
THAT REASON, THIS MINISTRY CONFIRMS THE REPORT FROM THE
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US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CARRIED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN WHICH IS NOTED THE PURCHASE OF NEW MATERIAL. IN EFFECT,
GIVEN THE NEED TO MAINTAIN CURRENT THE ORGANIC AND TECHNICAL
STRUCTURE OF OUR ARMED FORCES AND GIVEN THE FACT
THAT OUR COUNTRY IS ONE OF THE FEW IN LATIN AMERICA
LACKING A MODERN AIR FORCE, THIS MINISTRY, AFTER STUDYING
VARIOUS OFFERS OF AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING THOSE OFFERED
AIRVRAFT FROM THE LATTER COUNTRY (THE US) AND FROM THE
GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL. FOLLOWING A STUDY OF THIS
SITUATION IN WHICH IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT ALMOST ALL
COUNTRIES HAVE REPLACED THEIR PROPELLER AIRCRAFT
WITH JET AIRCRAFT, WE HAVE OPTED TO BEGIN THIS REPLACEMENT
PROCESS SO AS NOT TO BE LEFT BEHIND AND TO BE CURRENT WITH
TECHNICAL ADVANCES IN THIS FIELD. I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT
THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE ARMED FORCES INITIATED THE
ACQUISITION OF THIS MATERIAL FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CURRENT
PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION. THIS PROCESS INCLUDED AS WELL THE
PURCHASE OF VARIOUS AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES IN ORDER TO
MEET LONG STANDING REQUIREMENTS OF OUR ARMED FORCES."
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